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In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

For : A SOUND-ABSORBING ARTICLE
EFFECTIVE OVER A BROAD
FREQUENCY RANGE (As amended)

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants request formal amendment of the
Application to harmonize the Application format with U.S. Patent practice.

IN THE TITLE:

✓ Please replace the title with the following new title.

A SOUND-ABSORBING ARTICLE EFFECTIVE OVER A BROAD FREQUENCY RANGE.